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QUOTE

1. REFTEL REPORTED DECISIONS TAKEN IN POLITICAL SPHERE
BY SEVENTH ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE CONCERNING
ZIONISM AS RACISM, SUPPORT FOR PLO, OCCUPIED ARAB TER-
RITORIES, AND CYPRUS. JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER FINAL
PLENARY SESSION MAY 15 ALSO ADDRESSED FOLLOWING MAJOR
POLITICAL ISSUES. (FULL COMMUNIQUE BEING POUCHED TO
DEPARTMENT)

2. SOUTHERN AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT CONFERENCE EX-
PRESSED "FULL AND UNRESERVED SUPPORT" FOR JUST STRUGGLE
OF PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA FOR LIBERATION AND
NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE. IT WELCOMED INTERNSIFICATION OF
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SUPPORT FOR LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND

DECLARED ITS OPPOSITION TO ALL EXTERNAL INTERFERENCE WHICH MIGHT IMPEDE THESE STRUGGLES. CONFERENCE CALLED ON ALL ISLAMIC COUNTRIES TO EXTEND "GREATER MORAL AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE" TO THESE MOVEMENTS AND REQUESTED SECRETARY GENERAL OF ISLAMIC SECRETARIAT TO ESTABLISH DIRECT CONTACT WITH THESE MOVEMENTS TO "ASSESS THEIR REQUIREMENTS TO BE MET, INTER ALIA, THROUGH THE ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY FUND." CONFERENCE ALSO CONDEMNED "GROWING COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE RACIST REGIME IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND THE RACIST, ZIONIST ENTITY IN OCCUPIED PALESTINE."

IN ADDITION CONFERENCE DECIDED TO EXTEND FULL SUPPORT TO ZAMBIA AND MOZAMBIQUE TO "ENABLE THEM TO FULLY IMPLEMENT AND INTENSIFY THE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST THE RACIST REGIME IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA."

4. CONFERENCE DISCUSSED SOMALI COAST QUESTION, AND FULL INDEPENDENCE OF COMORO ISLANDS, DEFINED AS GREATER COMORO, HENGMAN, MAHELE AND MAYOTTE. IT CALLED UPON FRANCE TO GRANT "GENUINE AND UNCONDITIONAL INDEPENDENCE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE SOMALI COAST IN ACCORDANCE WITH UN RESOLUTIONS," AND TO WITHDRAW FRENCH FORCES IMMEDIATELY FROM ISLAND OF MAYOTTE. CONFERENCE REQUESTED UNITED NATIONS TO TAKE "ALL NECESSARY MEASURES FOR THIS PURPOSE."

5. NUCLEAR FREE ZONE. NOTING WITH GREAT CONCERN INTRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN REGIONS OF AFRICA, MIDDLE EAST, SOUTH ASIA AND INDIAN OCEAN, CONFERENCE CALLED FOR EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF PROPOSALS TO ESTABLISH NUCLEAR WEAPON-FREE ZONES IN THESE REGIONS AND CREATION OF INDIAN OCEAN AS A NUCLEAR WEAPON-FREE "ZONE OF PEACE". CONFERENCE URGED ALL PARTIES TO REFRAIN FROM ACTION CONTRARY TO OBJECTIVE OF PROPOSED ZONES AND CALLED ON NUCLEAR POWERS TO RESPECT DENUCLEARIZATION OF AREA.

6. PHILIPPINES. CONFERENCE CALLED ON PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT TO HALT MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST MOSLEMS, MEASURES FOR IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS, AND HONOR "ITS COMMITMENT TO GRANT AUTONOMY TO MOSLEMS IN SOUTH PHILIPPINES WITH THE STATE OF PHILIPPINES". IT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPEALED TO PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT AND MORO LIBERATION FRONT TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION OF JIDDA CONFERENCE.

7. SOUTH ASIA. CONFERENCE, WHILE NOTING POSITIVE STEPS TAKEN TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS AMONG SOUTH ASIAN COUNTRIES, EXPRESSED "DEEP CONCERN" OVER PROBLEM SHARING OF GANGES WATER AND IMPEDIMENT IT POSED TO BANGLADESH'S NATIONAL

RECONSTRUCTION. CONFERENCE HOPED MATTER WOULD BE SETTLED BY NEGOTIATIONS.

8. REVISION OF UN CHARTER. CONFERENCE EXAMINED "NEW INTERNATIONAL CIRCUMSTANCE" ARISING FROM EMERGENCE OF THIRD WORLD STATES AS FORCE THAT SHOULD PLAY ITS ROLE "INDIRECTING INTERNATIONAL POLITICS IN ORDER TO REALIZE INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND JUSTICE". IN THIS CONNECTION CONFERENCE UNDERLINED THAT "TIME HAS COME TO REVISE THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE NEW CIRCUMSTANCES IN A MANNER THAT WOULD GUARANTEE JUSTICE AND EQUALITY AMONG STATES REGARDLESS OF THEIR POLITICAL, MILITARY OR HUMAN CAPABILITIES. THIS CAN BE ACHIEVED BY RESCINDING ALL PRIVILEGES ENJOYED BY ANY OF THESE STATES AT THE SECURITY COUNCIL OR ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION."

9. LAW OF THE SEA. NOTING IMPORTANCE OF LAW OF THE SEA NEGOTIATIONS NEED TO PROTECT TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND PROMOTE ECONOMIC SECURITY OF ISLAMIC COUNTRIES IN LOS NEGOTIATIONS, CONFERENCE WELCOMED FORMATION OF CONSULTATIVE GROUP OF ISLAMIC COUNTRIES AT LATEST LOS SESSION, AND DECIDED TO CONVENE MEETING OF ISLAMIC COUNTRIES' EXPERTS PRIOR TO NEXT LOS SESSION IN NEW YORK.

10. OTHER RESOLUTIONS INCLUDED: AFFIRMATION THAT SOLUTION OF EAST TIMOR PROBLEM REMAINED WITH EAST TIMOR PEOPLE THEMSELVES; CALLED FOR COMPENSATION FROM IMPERIALIST COLONIALIST COUNTRIES TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES DAMAGED BY LEFTOVER WAR MATERIAL; AND ALL FOR RETURN OF ILLEGALLY REMOVED ANTIQUITIES TO COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN.

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11. COMMENT: TURKEY WAS SUCCESSFUL IN KEEPING ERITREAN REPRESENTATION QUESTION FROM DISRUPTING PROCEEDINGS. ISSUE WAS MADE SUBJECT FOR "FURTHER CONSULTATIONS" AND WAS NEVER CONSIDERED IN THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE. AFTER MANY EFFORTS BY ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT (ELF) TO SPEAK AT CONFERENCE, ELF SPOKESMAN OSMAN SALEHSABBE AND "FOREIGN SECRETARY" ZEIN YASSIN, MUCH TO GOT'S ANNOYANCE, HELD IMPROMPTU PRESS CONFERENCE AT OFFICIAL PRESS CENTER MAY 15, EXPRESSED BITTERNESS OVER TREATMENT RECEIVED AND OUTLINED ELF'S CAUSE.

12. OBSERVERS HERE FEEL THAT FINAL COMMUNIQUE REFLECTS SUCCESS FOR ARABS AND PLO, AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND TURKEY IN MUSTERING SUPPORT FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS ON ISRAEL, AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, AND THE RIGHTS OF THE

TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY. AT SAME TIME, STRIDENCY OF ANTI-ISRAELI, ANTI-ZIONIST RESOLUTIONS CAME AS SOMEWHAT OF A SURPRISE. SINCE EXPECTATION HAD BEEN THAT TURKEY, AS HOST AND CHAIRMAN, WOULD ACTIVELY DISCOURAGE SPECIFIC MENTION OF ISRAEL'S EXPULSION FROM UN AND SEVERING OF DIPLOMATIC TIES, WHILE CONCURRING IN A GENERAL CONDEMNATION. ALTHOUGH RESOLUTIONS DO NOT BIND INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES TO SPECIFIC COURSES OF ACTION, THEY NEVERTHELESS APPEAR TO COMMIT MODERATES, SUCH AS TURKEY, TO MORE MILITANT STAND. MACE UNQUOTE.

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